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CODE BOOK

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of October 19, 2007 in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 22, 2008 (January 19, 2008 being a Saturday and January 21, 2008 being a Federal Holiday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the drawings are set forth on page 2 of this response:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this response:

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response:

Four sheets of replacement drawings are attached to this response:

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached to the present response are replacement sheets containing figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the present application. These figures have each been revised in order to clarify the features illustrated therein. In particular, figures 2 and 4 have been revised by deleting a portion of the flow from the circled 2 or 5 to the operation box directly there above. Figures 3 and 5 have been revised by deleting the arrow on the flow extending from the circled 3 or 6 at the left-hand side of each of these figures.

None of these changes constitute the introduction of prohibited new matter into the specification of the present application. Rather, each of these changes are being made in order to enable the drawings to more clearly define the respective features of Applicant's invention and to eliminate potential ambiguity therefrom. Accordingly, approval by the Examiner for the entry of these replacement sheets, comprising the drawings for figures 2, 3, 4, and 5, is respectfully requested.